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1. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON CYPRUS OF AUGUST 22 (GOVERNMENT STATEMENT CARRIED IN FULL ON TASS WIRE) WAS PROMPTED, AS WE SEE IT, BY TWO SOVIET OBJECTIVES--TO PRE-EMPT A RETURN TO THE GENEVA APPROACH BY OFFERING AN ALTERNATIVE FORUM, HOWEVER UNFEASIBLE; AND TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF THE USSR (AS A PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER) TO HAVE A ROLE BOTH IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND IN
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CYPRUS'S FUTURE. WE DOUBT THAT THE SOVIETS THINK

THAT THE UN CIRCUS THEY ARE PROPOSING HAS THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF ACHIEVING A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. INDEED, THAT MAY WELL BE PART OF THE REASONING BEHIND THEIR INITIATIVE. REALIZING THAT A UNITARY CYPRUS IS NO LONGER A REAL POSSIBILITY, THEY SEEM MORE INTERESTED IN FRUSTRATING SERIOUS EFFORTS AT A SOLUTION AND IN ENCOURAGING A CONTINUATION OF NATO DISUNITY OVER THE ISSUE.

2. DRAMATIS PERSONAE OF PROPOSED CYPRUS CONFERENCE--CYPRUS, GREECE, AND TURKEY; PLUS ALL SC MEMBERS; PLUS SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES FOR GOOD MEASURE--SEEM A SURE RECIPE FOR CHAOS (ALTHOUGH THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE ON PARTICIPATION--SEPTTEL). IF THIS HALF OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FAILS OF SUPPORT, WE EXPECT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE HAPPY TO SETTLE FOR THE SECOND HALF--GUARANTEES BY THE PERMANENT SC MEMBERS. THE SOVIETS PROBABLY HOPE THAT THEIR LANGUAGE ON GUARANTEES, AT LEAST, WILL LOOK REASONABLE; PRESUMABLY THE STATEMENT THAT THE GUARANTEES COULD BE "JOINT" OR "PARALLEL" ALLOWS FOR NON-PARTICIPATION OR OPPOSITION BY CHINESE AND/OR OTHERS.

3. THE SOVIET STATEMENT ALSO SEEKS TO KEEP MOSCOW'S BILATERAL OPTIONS OPEN WITH BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE. NATO "MILITARISTIC CIRCLES"--NOT TURKEY--DRAW THE EXPLICIT BLAME FOR THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. COLLATERAL SOVIET NEWS REPORTING IN THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT ROUGHER ON TURKEY (IZVESTIYA AUGUST 22 USED GREEK-RELEASED STATISTICS IN CATALOGUING THE DEPREDATIONS ON CYPRUS), BUT THE TURKS REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DIRECT CRITICISM. IN PARALLEL, THE SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN TREATING GREECE RATHER FAVORABLY. A MENSHIKOV PIECE FROM ATHENS (PRAVDA AUGUST 21) WAS A POSITIVE ANALYSIS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT; A VLADIMIROV COMMENTARY (IZVESTIYA AUGUST 22) EMPHASIZED THE PRESSURE NATO IS PUTTING ON POOR GREECE TO GET IT BACK IN THE FOLD. AND FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS'S STATEMENT ON YUGOSLAV TELEVISION IN FAVOR OF GUARANTEES

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BY PERMANENT SC MEMBERS WAS NATURALLY REPORTED WITH SYMPATHY.

4. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT THE SOVIETS ATTACH MORE IMPORTANCE TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH NEIGHBORING TURKEY THAN TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE. BUT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BEAM POSITIVE SIGNALS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AS LONG AS THEY CAN--PARTICULARLY AS LONG

AS GREEK POSITION (E.G., ON NATO AND ON
SECURITY COUNCIL GUARANTEES) REMAIN USEFUL TO THEM.
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